REMARKS

Applicants and Applicants' attorney express appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent interview held on January 11, 2005. The arguments presented in this paper are consistent with the arguments discussed during the Interview. Claims 1-8, 9-24, and 26-35 are pending, of which claims 1, 10, and 20 are independent method claims, and claim 27 is an independent computer program product claim corresponding to independent method claim 10. As indicated above, claims 8 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice and claims 1, 10, 20, and 27 have been amended by this paper.[1]

The Office Action rejected the pending independent claims (1, 10, 20, and 27) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,553,410 to Kinkinis ("*Kinkinis*"); and rejected the remaining dependent claims as either anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by *Kinkinis* or as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Kinkinis* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,850,517 to Verkler et al. ("*Verkler*").[2]

Applicants' invention, as claimed for example in independent method claim 1, relates to customizing content based on at least one operating characteristic of a mobile client. The method includes: assigning a first transform to a first mobile client and assigning a second transform to a second mobile client, the first and second transforms specifically considering one or more operating characteristics of the first and second mobile clients; receiving a list from the content server containing addresses for a plurality of mobile clients, including the first mobile client and the second mobile client; receiving content from the content server, the content being addressed to the list; altering the content according to the first and second transforms so that the content is compatible with one or more operating characteristics of the first and second mobile clients, the altered content comprising a first transformed content and a second transformed content; identifying an address for each mobile client contained within the list, including the first mobile client and the second mobile client; addressing the first transformed content to the first mobile device and addressing the second transformed content to the second mobile device using the plurality of addresses received in the list; establishing a communication link between the

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[1] Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the Specification, and particularly at page 16, lines 5-23 and page 18, lines 12-20.

[2] Although the prior art status of the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicants reserve the right to do so in the future. Accordingly, any arguments and amendments made herein should not be construed as acquiescing to any prior art status or asserted teachings of the cited art.

mobile gateway and the first and second mobile clients; and sending the first transformed content to the first mobile client and sending the second transformed content to the second mobile client.

Similarly, Applicants' invention as claimed for example in independent method claim 10, also relates to customizing content based on at least one operating characteristic of a mobile client. The method includes: assigning a first configuration transform to a first mobile client, the first configuration transform customizing configuration information for one or more services available to the first mobile client; assigning a first transform to the first mobile client, the first transform specifically considering one or more operating characteristics of the first mobile client; determining that a change has occurred in at least one service available to the first mobile client; receiving content from the content server; altering the content according to the first transform so that the content is compatible with the one or more operating characteristics of the first mobile client, the altered content comprising a first transformed content; customizing configuration information relative to the change in the at least one service available to the first mobile client based on the first configuration transform to provide first transformed configuration information; establishing a communication link between the mobile gateway and the first mobile client; and sending the first transformed content and the first transformed configuration information to the first mobile client. Independent claim 27 recites similar limitations from the perspective of a computer program product.

Likewise, Applicants' invention as claimed for example in independent method claim 20, relates to customizing content based on at least one operating characteristic of a mobile client, as well. The method includes: associating content transforms with a first and a second mobile client, the content transforms accounting for one or more operating characteristics of the first and second mobile clients; receiving a list from the content server containing addresses for a plurality of mobile clients, including the first mobile client and the second mobile client; producing first transformed content and second transformed content based on content from the content server and the content transforms, the content received from the content server being addressed to the list; addressing the first transformed content to the first mobile device and addressing the second transformed content to the second mobile device using the plurality of addresses received in the list; and providing the first and second transformed content to the first and second mobile clients.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP § 2131. That is,

"for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102, the reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention either explicitly or impliedly." MPEP § 706.02. Applicants also note that "[i]n determining that quantum of prior art disclosure which is necessary to declare an applicant's invention 'not novel' or 'anticipated' within section 102, the stated test is whether a reference contains an 'enabling disclosure.'" MPEP § 2121.01. In other words, a cited reference must be enabled with respect to each claim limitation. During examination, the pending claims are given their broadest reasonable interpretation, *i.e.*, they are interpreted as broadly as their terms reasonably allow, consistent with the specification. MPEP §§ 2111 & 2111.01.

Among other things, however, in conjunction with the other claim limitations and as discussed during the Interview, *Kinkinis* fails to teach, suggest, or enable receiving a list from the content server containing addresses for a plurality of mobile clients, including a first mobile client and a second mobile client; and addressing the first transformed content to the first mobile device and addressing the second transformed content to the second mobile device using the plurality of addresses received in the list, as recited for example in independent method claims 1 and 20, and similarly fails to teach, suggest, or enable assigning a first configuration transform to a first mobile client, the first configuration transform customizing configuration information for one or more services available to the first mobile client; determining that a change has occurred in at least one service available to the first mobile client; and customizing configuration information relative to the change in the at least one service available to the first mobile client based on the first configuration transform to provide first transformed configuration information, as recited in independent method claim 10 and corresponding computer program product claim 27.

The Examiner seemed to concur with this analysis during the Interview and noted in the Interview Summary that the proposed amendments to the independent claims appear to differentiate over the prior art made of record and that the Examiner will give further consideration upon receiving Applicants' formal response and update the search.
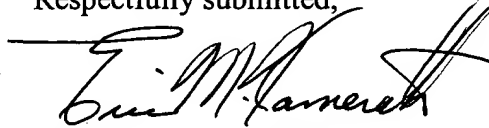
Based on at least the foregoing reasons, therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited prior art fails to anticipate or make obvious Applicants invention, as claimed for example, in independent claims 1, 10, 20, and 27. Applicants note for the record that the remarks above render the remaining rejections of record for the independent and dependent claims moot, and thus addressing individual rejections or assertion with respect to the teachings of the cited art is

unnecessary at the present time, but may be undertaken in the future if necessary or desirable, and Applicants reserve the right to do so.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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